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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion with [redacted] 31 August Regarding
Color Photography Tests

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1. I told [redacted] we had heard IAS was planning to run a test for him on the color portion of Mission [redacted] and IEG was interested in carrying out this test.

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2. [redacted] said there was little possibility of carrying out the test discussed at the 28 August meeting of the Color Task Force because at this time he was unable to arrange for the color prints required. He said the tests would permit comparison of the time a PI needed to read out a given target on color with the time required to read out the same target on black and white. In discussions with some PIs, he had been led to believe readout could be accomplished faster on color. He believed resolution would be less a factor in first-phase reporting than in the other phases.

3. He said he had requested help from IAS because it was "more detailed report oriented than NPIC" and also to chide NPIC which seemed to want to take part in the test when IAS was mentioned but lost interest when it appeared the test would take place during the OAK phase.

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4. I told [redacted] we were interested but required a clearer understanding of the costs because IEG is first of all concerned with the production of intelligence. He believed the color material should be interpreted before the black and white so that the interpreters would not be prejudiced. He asked if we could provide some approach to this problem at the Color Task Force Meeting this Friday and I told him we would try.

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5. In other brief discussions, [redacted] said he still needs updates of our color book [redacted]. He quoted two cables he had sent us requesting this [redacted] March 1970 and [redacted] May 1970. I asked when more control might be exercised over acquiring color targets. The present arrangement of shooting the color at the end of the mission does not allow much latitude. He said some persons were trying for a

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full bucket of color film to achieve this point. He showed me a memo from OBGI calling for more color coverage (the memo commented generally on satellite coverage and included the comment on color from an OBGI branch chief).

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[redacted]
Chief, Technical/Planning Branch, OD

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